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FM AMEMBASSY GABORONE

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INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

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AMEMBASSY MASERU

AMEMBASSY MBABANE

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AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

C O N F I D E N T I A L GABORONE 0026

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, OAU, AON BC

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S TRAVEL TO OAU SUMMIT

REF: A) GABORONE 0022, B) STATE 002925

1. LEBANG MPOTOKWANE, ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY TO THE PRESIDENT, HAS CONFIRMED PRESIDENT KHAMA'S TRAVEL PLANS. PRESIDENT WILL RETURN TO GABORONE EVENING OF JANUARY 8 AND DEPART BY CHARTERED AIRCRAFT EARLY MORNING JANUARY 9 FOR LUSAKA, WHERE HE WILL JOIN PRESIDENT KAUNDA ON HIS OFFICIAL PLANE TO PROCEED TO ADDIS.

2. MPOTOKWANE CONFIRMED THAT BOTSWANA RETAINS ITS POSITION IN SUPPORT OF OAU EFFORTS TO GAIN THE REMOVAL OF FOREIGN FORCES, ESTABLISH A CEASEFIRE AND GET THE THREE PARTIES TO NEGOTIATE TOWARD A GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY. MPOTOKWANE SAID THAT KHAMA INTENDED TO SUPPORT KAUNDA'S EFFORTS BECAUSE "THEY TEND TO SEE THINGS ALONG THE SAME LINES". MPOTOKWANE SAID THAT NEITHER HE NOR OTHER GOB OFFICIALS WITH WHOM HE HAS DISCUSSED THE MATTER HAVE ANY CLEAR IDEA OF A MEANS TO RESOLVE THE ANGOLA SITUATION. HE AGREED THAT THE REMOVAL OF SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES  
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WOULD ELIMINATE ONE COMPLICATION BUT ADDED THAT HE COULD HARDLY

SEE THE MPLA WITH 20 COUNTRIES ALREADY RECOGNIZING IT AGREEING TO A FORMULA WHICH WOULD REMOVE ITS FOREIGN SUPPORT AND PUSH IT INTO A THREE-WAY COALITION.

3. COMMENT: MPOTOKWANE, WHO IS THE SENIOR GOB OFFICIAL AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT (WHICH INCLUDES EXTERNAL AFFAIRS), HAS PROVIDED THE CLEAREST RECENT RESTATEMENT OF BOTSWANA'S POSITION. HIS REFERENCE TO KHAMA'S INTENTION TO SUPPORT KAUNDA SUGGESTS THAT BOTSWANA IS LEANING FURTHER TOWARD FNLA/UNITA THAN ITS PUBLIC POSTURE AND RECENT PRIVATE STATEMENTS BY MORE JUNIOR OFFICIALS HAVE INDICATED. THOMSEN

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